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REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 7-11, 14, 16, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hatakeama (US patent 6855970). Applicants have cancelled claims 7-11 and 14. Claims 16, 17, and 19 are now dependent from an allowable base claim and should be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 20, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yilmaz (US patent 5597765). Applicants have cancelled claim 20. Claims 23 and 24 are now dependent from an allowable base claim and should be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 21, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Yilmaz. Applicants have cancelled claim 21. Claims 25 and 26 are now dependent from an allowable base claim and should be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 28 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Hatakeama. Applicants have cancelled claim 28. Claim 32 is now dependent from an allowable base claim and should be in condition for allowance.

As per the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended claims 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, 30, and 31, each to be in independent form and include all limitations from the original base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art references.

Applicant(s) believe that all information and requirements for the application have been provided to the USPTO. If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the

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prosecution of the Application, Applicant(s) invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due with this Response to U.S. PTO Account No. 17-0055.

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